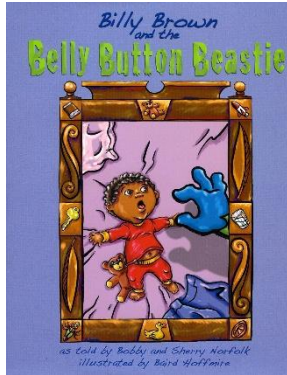


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Billy Brown and the Belly Button Beastie

Author: Bobby & Sherry Norfolk

Illustrator: Baird Hoffmire

Themes: Courage, Resourcefulness

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “What nighttime fear do you have?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why was Billy’s mother warning him about kicking off the covers?
- How did Billy’s friends help him think through the possible solutions to his problem with the Belly Button Beastie?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did Billy learn about facing his fears?”
- Ask, “What did you learn from the story about facing your fears?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, read more and different tales and fables about learning important life lessons. Try:
- [*Forty Fun Fables: Tales that Trick, Tickle and Teach*](#)
- [*The Ghost Catcher*](#)
- [*Aesop’s Fables*](#)